

CS 378 – Big Data Programming

Lecture 17 MetaPatterns

Review

- Assignment 7 – Filtering, MultipleOutputs
 - Overview of the data
 - AvroMultipleOutputs
 - Session categories

MetaPatterns

- Most big data processing will use multiple jobs
- “Data pipelines” are common
 - Multiple map-reduce jobs
 - Output of one job is input to the others
 - The output can be an end in itself
- Why are multiple jobs required?

MetaPatterns

- We'll discuss two classes of meta-patterns
- Job chaining
 - Multiple jobs solving a multi-stage problem
 - When processing cannot be done in one job
 - When one output is input to multiple jobs
- Job merging
 - Combining multiple activities into the same job

Job Chaining

- Since job chaining is common, some tools exist or are under development to help
- Examples:
 - Oozie
 - Azkaban
 - Luigi
- For more details, see:
 - <http://www.slideshare.net/jcrobak/data-engineermeetup-201309>
 - <http://www.crobak.org/2012/07/workflow-engines-for-hadoop/>

Workflow Issues

- Dependency structure/management
- Monitoring
- Error recovery
- Reporting
- Restart

Job Chaining

- Basic notion for job-chaining: dependency graph
 - Explicitly represented in tools
 - A concept that's represented in the code we'll consider
- Dependency graph:
 - Directed, acyclic graph (DAG) where:
 - Nodes represent data sets, and processing steps
 - Edges represent data flows (dependencies)

Job Chaining

- For single map-reduce jobs, we selected the number of mappers and reducers
 - Parallelism
 - Controlling the amount of data a reducer receives
- When chaining jobs, we must consider file sizes
 - They should be on the order of one block size or more
 - If output files are small, use `CombineFileInputFormat`

Job Chaining

- Consider what we do in `run()` of a single job
 - Define input info for a job
 - Input file location(s)
 - Input format type, key/value types
 - Mapper class(es)
 - Define output info for a job
 - Output location(s)
 - Output format type, key/value types
 - Reducer class

Job Chaining

- If we want our Java app to launch multiple jobs, what do we need to do?
- Create and configure multiple `Job` instances
- Connect output of one job to input of another job
 - How?
- Launch each job, wait for it to complete
 - How?

Job Methods

- So far we've used:
 - `job.waitForCompletion()`
- Other methods on Job:
 - `isComplete()`
 - `isSuccessful()`
 - `killJob()`
 - `mapProgress()`
 - `reduceProgress()`
 - `submit()`
 - `getCounters()`

Job Chaining

- Suppose output of first job is input to two jobs
 - These jobs can be run in parallel
- How would we launch two jobs to run in parallel?
- How would we monitor their progress?
- If another job combines the output of these two jobs
 - How would we know when to start this new job?
 - What possible scenarios do we need to consider/handle?

Job Chaining - Approaches

- Control/manage jobs explicitly in `run()` method
- Shell scripts
- `JobControl` **and** `ControlledJob` **classes**
 - Done in `run()` method
 - Some benefits, some restrictions

Job Chaining – Assignment 8

- Read sessions
 - From AVRO container file (like assignments 6 and 7)
 - Output into category files (binned output)
- In parallel:
 - Read submitter sessions, compute subevent stats
 - Read clicker sessions, compute subevent stats
 - Read shower sessions, compute subevent stats
 - Read visitor sessions, compute subevent stats
- Finally: aggregate results from these four jobs